

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs. M. Fran Burrell, District I Mr. C. Samuel Donald, District II
Mr. Michael E. Harper, District III Mr. Roy B. Strickland, District IV
Mr. Johnny D. Stone, District V

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, October 15, 1991 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Members of the press notified (by mail):
Journal/Tribune, Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, Greenville News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WCCP Radio, WZLI/WLET Radio, WYFF TV, WLOS TV & WSPA TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Robin Boyle - Journal/Tribune, Carol Kreklar - Anderson Independent & Ron Barnett - Greenville News.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain who welcomed the guests and media.

Call to order

The invocation was given by Mr. Strickland.

Inv.

Mr. Larry C. Brandt, County Attorney, administered the oath of office to Mr. C. Samuel Donald, Council Representative from District II.

Oath of Office

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Donald abstained due to the fact he was not present at that meeting) that the minutes of the October 1, 1991 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone that the request of Oconee Memorial Hospital for hospital revenue bonds in the amount of \$26,000,000 be denied.

Hospital

Mr. Harper stated that human lives are priceless and he felt a new hospital would be best for the county, he felt the hospital should pay \$20,000,000 and the county should pay \$6,000,000 for a new facility, therefore he would vote against the motion.

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Mr. Donald stated he did not think it was the time to build a new hospital that half the citizenry would not support, he thought it would be best if County Council, the Hospital Board and Dr. Nimmons sit down together and seek a workable solution to the health care problems in Oconee County.

Hospital
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Mr. Archie Barron, Chairman of the Hospital Board, addressed Council, Mr. Barron informed Council that the Board of Directors and the Building Committee made their recommendation for a new facility based on needs and the flexibility to adjust to new technology and a feasibility study indicating the facility could be paid for through tax exempt revenue bonds. Since the referendum had been defeated by such a small margin Mr. Barron respectfully requested that Council seriously consider the issuance of \$26,000,000 in hospital revenue bonds, however, if the request was denied, Mr. Barron requested that Council seriously consider entering into an agreement with the hospital board to engage an outside professional to perform an evaluation of the needs of the hospital and the ability for the hospital to pay as related to the new facility.

Citizen Jack Germaine stated he thought the answer to what the people thought of the new building was given in the referendum.

Citizen Mark Gilson stated he was concerned about the stop-gap procedure and he was in favor of the amendment.

Mr. Strickland stated he did not approve of the misinformation that had been given out and he felt the wishes of the people had to be honored.

Mrs. Burrell stated that it had been a hard decision for her, District I had defeated the referendum by a small margin, she did feel we need an alternate plan for health care.

Mr. Donald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, defeated 3 - 2 (Mr. Strickland, Mr. Stone & Mrs. Burrell voting against, Mr. Donald & Mr. Harper voting for) that the motion be tabled.

Hospital
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Mr. Crain, Supervisor-Chairman, assured those present the issue would not die, the hospital did need upgrading.

The motion to deny the request for \$26,000,000 was approved 4 - 1 (Mr. Harper voting against).

Mr. Crain assured those present he would appoint a committee to work with the hospital board.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the attached proposal from Mr. Marshall Parker, Hospital Board Member, be received as information.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached SC Appalachian Council of Governments Grant request and permission to have a public hearing October 28, 1991 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers be approved.

COG

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the Department of Social Services be allowed to use \$200 in operational funds for the purchase of a telephone. (See attached request)

DSS

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for food be awarded for food at the Law Enforcement Center as delineated on the attached bid.

LEC

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for reroofing the Planning Commission be awarded to Campbell Brothers and that, if necessary, up to \$500 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 10 058 00150 00022 for damaged sheeting, etc. These funds will not be transferred unless necessary. (See attached bid)

Planning
(Cont.)

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for auctioneer for the county auction be awarded to William E. Davis at \$245. (See attached bid)

Auction

Mr. Harper, Chairman of the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee, recommended to Council that the attached recommended classifications and compensations for employees be adopted with the exception of the recommendation of Secretary II in the Purchasing Department who will be classified as a Secretary III and two Deputies in the Sheriff's Department who will be made Corporals.

Personnel

This recommendation was adopted 5 - 0.

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Supervisor Crain and Mr. Buddy Hawk, 911 Coordinator, attend the 911 Conference to be held at Myrtle Beach October 30 & 31, 1991. The funds for this conference will be taken from contingency.

911

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, informed Council he had obtained permission to survey all four tracts of land at the airport, two are for sale, one is willing to sell if the price is right and one not interested in selling.

Airport

Mr. Donald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the county pay the registration fee for Mrs. Burrell to attend the Solid Waste Seminar October 30, 1991 and make a report back to Council

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Waste

Adjourn: 4:55 PM

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